

# The Boston Store

## We're All Ready For the Final Two-Day Rush!

Don't put off another minute your selection of gifts--the last final rush will find you not making a selection, but taking what's left. Take a word of counsel--**ACT NOW!**

### Handkerchiefs, of Course

And choose them here, because we buy direct from the makers in this country and abroad, and can therefore give you the best values possible for price asked.

Women's Sheer Crossbar Handkerchiefs, six in a box, value \$1.50--Special 75c.

Women's Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs and hand embroidered corner effect--Special value 25c.

Children's Handkerchiefs, colored border, three in a box, 15c and 25c.

New, full line of Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, each 25c.

### Toys! Toys! Toys!

Children's Trunks for Doll's Clothes, priced at 50c, 75c, 98c to \$1.75, now marked at Half These Prices.

Dolls' Carriages, Go-Carts and Folders, large assortment, 50c to \$5.00.

Snare Drums, small to regulation sizes, 10c to \$1.25.

### Aprons for Everybody

There are Aprons for cooks, parlor maids, waitresses and nurses, Aprons correct for every department of a well managed home; qualities are particularly good; best of all, prices are below your expectations, 25c to \$2.50.

### Sweaters Suitable for Christmas Gift

Women's Sweater Coats, very desirable for Christmas, white, gray, red, also white with fancy borders--prices \$1.50 to \$7.50.

Children's Bath Robes, 1 to 10 years, German flannel and eiderdown, in dainty patterns, light blue and pinks--prices 50c to \$1.50.

### Women's Christmas Handkerchiefs

An exceptionally fine display awaits the holiday shopper. The variety and styles are practically unlimited, every new creation being shown, at prices to suit all purses, 25c and up.

### Bestyette Storm Cape For Children

Protect the child in stormy weather with this splendidly light-weight, waterproof garment of silky rubberized material--colors blue and red, sizes 6 to 14 years--price \$3.75.

### Women's and Men's Lounging Robes

Women's and Men's Lounging Robes, in several designs, suitable for Christmas gifts, \$3.98 and up.

### Smart Styles in Waists

There's nothing so pleasing to a lady as a Waist of exceptional beauty. Our stock, prepared especially for the Christmas shopping, is very tempting to the gift seeker. Why not see them and judge for yourself?

Wash Waists from \$1.00 up.

Silk and Net Waists, \$4.98 up.

### Furs! Furs! Furs!

Not an old piece of Fur in the store, but only fine, durable skins of "this year's kill," made up into the newest styles.

SCARFS, MUFFS and COATS at moderate prices.

## The Reid & Hughes Co.

We Recover Furniture and Do Carpet Laying.

## SUITS AGAINST CITY ARE SETTLED

### Four Claims for Damages Adjusted Out of Court for About \$900--Jury will Get Case of Norman Against Gray this Morning.

The assignment list for this week in the superior court has been well cleared of its cases, and few remain to be heard. The case of Norman vs. Gray occupied the court Wednesday and will go to the jury this morning. The case of Robish vs. Coughlin is next on the list, and following that Perue vs. the Connecticut company, which takes them all.

On Wednesday, the four suits against the city of Norwich were settled and the court so informed by Attorney Desmond. They were the suits of D. J. Brown, D. J. Brown and wife, Richard Fitzgerald and wife, and Rufus D. Harris vs. the city of Norwich. They have been in court for some time and were about ready to be adjusted when the late Frank T. Brown was corporation counsel. The settlement was put through by Corporation Counsel Briscoe and the total amount in the four cases will be about \$900.

#### Demurrer Overruled.

In the case of William B. Wait and others vs. George P. Fenner and others, a suit brought to the superior court asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Babcock Printing Press Co. of New London and the winding up of its affairs and the dissolution of the company, a demurrer presented by the defendant was argued some time ago and on Wednesday Judge Reed handed down a decision overruling the demurrer. It is claimed in this case that some of the officials have disposed of stock contrary to the agreement for the purpose of gaining control and turning over of patent rights to the company by some of the officers is also demanded.

In the case of Marion, admr. vs. the Connecticut company, a receiver for a finding has been presented by Attorney Perkins. Notices of appeal from the decision of Judge Reed has been given in the case of the New England Navigation company.

#### Suit Over Mortgage.

On Wednesday the court was occupied all day with the trial of the case of Samuel G. Norman of Griswold vs. Ernest M. Gray of Ledyard, a suit over an \$890 mortgage on the farm of the latter in Ledyard. The mortgage is dated September 9, 1889, and was given

en Mrs. Charity N. Newton of Ledyard, a member of a wealthy family. Mr. Gray claims he paid the note August 22, 1902. In the Newton family there were two sisters and brother. Mrs. Newton and the brother died before Miss Sarah E. Norman, which death occurred December 24, 1902. The mortgage was found among her effects and it was turned over to Samuel G. Norman, the residuary legatee, of Griswold. When it was presented to Mr. Gray, payment was refused. In connection with the Norman estate, the taking of about \$50,000 by A. E. Stoddard, which he claimed Miss Norman had given him, created much excitement at the time, he having been brought here and locked up, but made his escape from the woman's room in the police station. After a long time possession of the securities was obtained and among them was the Gray mortgage.

Mr. Gray testified as the first witness and identified the note for \$800 and interest at five per cent. Town Clerk W. I. Allen of Ledyard stated that the mortgage is still on record. Judge of Probate Russell called attention to the fact that the mortgage was among Miss Norman's effects.

Mayor Lippitt, who was executor of the Norman will, testified that he turned the mortgage over to the plaintiff in the disposal of the residue of the estate.

After the testimony of Samuel G. Norman had been taken, the plaintiff, who is represented by Attorney C. W. Comstock, rested. It was shown in interest of \$180 had been paid.

For the defense, Attorney Perkins called E. M. Gray, who told of paying the mortgage. He explained how he got it and showed a receipt. F. E. Northrop of Ledyard testified that he was with Mr. Gray when he went to the Norman home, and heard one of the women tell Mr. Gray, "I'll give you this piece of paper." This completed the evidence.

At the afternoon session of the court arguments were made by Attorneys Comstock and Perkins, which were completed at 3.30 o'clock. Judge Reed stated that he desired time to look up the references before making his charge and he would address the jury in the morning. Court was then adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock.

#### NORWICH TOWN

##### Home-Comers for the Holidays--December Dandelions--K. B. C. Meets.

Mrs. Henry of Baltic spent the week end with friends in town.

The postman has been distributing Christmas packages all the week.

Michael Lynch of Hartford will be at his home on East Town street for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. L. J. Dolbeare and her daughter, Miss Grace Dolbeare, of Plain Hill will go to Natick for Christmas.

Miss Ruth Avery, who has been visiting in Stonington, is at her home on West Town street for two weeks.

Miss Edith Bushnell of Hartford and her brother, Walter Bushnell, of Boston, are to be at their home here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner and their son, Eric Skinner, of the land road were recent guests of relatives at Gardner Lake.

Miss Babcock and Miss May Babcock, of Westerly, are to be with their sister, Mrs. J. H. Eldred, of Washington street for the remainder of the week.

Benjamin Houlihan, an instructor in a Putnam business college, comes Friday to spend ten days at his home on Sturtevant street.

Mrs. Frank Gifford and her little daughter of New London spent Tuesday with Mrs. Gifford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skinner.

The K. B. C. met on Wednesday evening with Frank Durr of Mediterranean road. The constitution and by-laws were adopted and plans made for future work.

Dandelions are still blossoming on Washington street. Seven were picked near Harland's corner on Monday to be sent to Minnesota to show the difference in climate.

#### THE GRAY FROCK COAT FASHION

##### Has Been Set by William K. Vanderbilt of New York City.

Our sartorial note of the day deals with W. K. Vanderbilt. Mr. Vanderbilt possesses as many clothes as our college chum, Edward of England, used to own when he cared about such things.

Mr. Vanderbilt was last seen by Sartor Resartus when he occupied the stage at the New theater during the exercises inaugurating the institution. Mr. Vanderbilt's clothes on that occasion were not only admirably, nay, poetically, fitting, but they did what Strauss has done in music; what Whistler did in painting; what Alcegon Swinburne did in poetry--they struck a new, an original or perhaps a forgotten note.

Mr. Vanderbilt wore a gray frock coat. It may be said that the usher who whisperingly referred to it as a Prince Albert was discharged at once as being too rustic, too western, too devoted to a provincial terminology to be tolerable in the patrician Olympus of the New theater.

Mr. Vanderbilt's coat was cut long and draped gracefully. It is a fearful error to demand that clothes should merely fit mathematically. Clothes should drape. They should conceal a defect here, soften a line there. Did Imperious Caesar demand that his toga should fit? Not even as he died at the base of Pompey's statue he "rathered the toga about him becomingly. But the well-built figure of W. K. needs neither false mien nor disguise of dress. As in the case of Captain Lydig, almost anything would become that tall, that lithe, that dual figure. Particularly the gray frock coat, with its illuminating line, its power to light up the face with a kind of first dawn. Nor was it a light gray. Between the very light gray that is equine and the dark gray which is almost bourgeois, it preserved that middle way which the poet Horace has called golden.

Yes, who would be formal without being rigid, aristocratic without being insolent, distinct without being gauche, admired without astonishing, follow the example of W. K. and wear a frock coat.--New York Telegram.

#### Christmas the World Over.

The St. Louis of the American line sailed from New York today, a day ahead of time. In order that the Christmas packages carried may be delivered on time. There were 3,000 mail sacks and 8,000 packages besides, and the goods are to be hurried from the ports of England and France by special trains. Christmas is Christmas in these later years.--Rutland News.

school is spending the Christmas vacation at his home on Slater avenue.

George G. Grant was a visitor in Moosup Wednesday.

H. G. Thompson was in New Haven Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Estelle H. Post was a visitor at the Danbury Normal school Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brierly of North A street leave Friday to spend Christmas with relatives in Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. Harold Lincoln of Williamantic was the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Lovingsone of North B street, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharples and John Sharples and family are planning to spend Christmas with relatives in Swanset, Mass.

Mrs. Mary L. Beardon of Providence street left Wednesday to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. James L. Harroun of Williamantic.

Among those who are planning to take the examination for an assistant druggist's license at Hartford in January is Philip Muddeman of Front street.

There were young men skating on the Shetucket river above the mill dam Wednesday afternoon, and they reported the ice to be five inches thick in places.

John McCarthy, a former resident, whose home is now in Providence, but who is in the hotel business in Albany, N. Y., has been visiting friends in town this week.

Napoleon Fournier returned to his work as motorman on the trolley road at Palmer, Mass., this week. He was planning to go back several weeks ago, but his injured leg postponed his return. He has now almost entirely recovered from the trolley collision in which he was hurt several months ago.

Little Howard--Mamma, thirteen is an unlucky number, isn't it?  
Mamma--Some people think it is, dear.

Little Howard--"Well, there were thirteen pieces of cake on the kitchen table, so I took one to break the hoodoo."

#### Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best, but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It cures the face. Cures pimples, sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Try it. Infallible for piles, 25c, at The Lee & Osgood Co's.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best and safest cough remedy for children. At the first symptoms of a cold, give a direct pinch of cake on the kitchen table, so I took one to break the hoodoo."

A spirit of Christmas pervaded the Wequonoc school Wednesday, and in several of the rooms the children remembered their teachers with holiday gifts. Among the teachers who received unexpected tokens of the esteem of their pupils were Miss Mary E. Hill, Miss Isabella T. Service and Miss Mary E. Callahan. The school closes Friday for the Christmas vacation, reopening on Monday, Jan. 3. In the morning the school children will give a musical programme, for which they have been carefully prepared by the supervisor of music, Miss Mary E. Rogers.

#### Greek Stabbed on Norwich Avenue.

There was considerable excitement on Norwich avenue Monday evening, following an altercation between two Greeks, one of them was stabbed in the upper part of his right leg. The wound, though not serious, was painful and bad, and the injured man was attended by a city physician.

The affair happened about 9 o'clock and the man who used the knife had been insulted by the other, his friends to the Norman home, and heard one of the women tell Mr. Gray, "I'll give you this piece of paper." This completed the evidence.

#### Soccer Football Christmas Mornings.

The Taftville and Westerly soccer football teams are planning for a Christmas morning game on the Providence street grounds, weather permitting. The kickoff is scheduled for 11 o'clock sharp, and the following will represent Taftville: Goal, H. Finlayson; backs, Andrew and Ferguson; halfbacks, Pilling, Caron and Corners; forwards, W. White, William Brown, Parsons and Buckley.

#### Christmas Reunion.

Miss Edith Cormier of Philadelphia, Joseph Cormier of Boston, with the Eastern Concrete Construction company, and Philip Cormier of Waterbury are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Cormier of Providence street, over Christmas.

#### Blue Ribbons Here Christmas Afternoon.

Manager J. B. Benoit of the Taftville basketball team has received word that the Blue Ribbon Y. M. C. of the champions of Bridgeport, will be here without fail for Christmas afternoon. The game starts at 2.30 at Parish hall and should be a lively exhibition of the fine points of the game. A preliminary between the Olympics and Jewett City second team will also come off, providing an afternoon of fine sport for the holiday.

#### Personals.

Leonard B. Prentice of Blackhall

## Hello, Santa!

Mamma says she wants you to bring her another pair of QUEEN QUALITY shoes just like Dick brought her last year. Grandma wants a pair of GROVER'S soft shoes for her tender feet and a pair of ARNOLD'S bed slippers to wear nights. Annie wants a pair of evening slippers and a box of QUEEN QUALITY stockings to match. Papa wants a new pair of felt boots. He says (that the Coon-Tail is the best kind), and a new pair of slippers to wear when he comes home at night, and I want a pair of high cut storm shoes and a box of WUNDERHOSE stockings that are guaranteed for four months.

Dick says you can find all of these things at THE GEO. W. KES CO'S store, where they keep all kinds of rubber boots, shoes, leggings, and everything that can be found in a first-class shoe store.

## The GEO. W. KES COMPANY

## To You And Yours, A Merry Christmas!

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors--these are little guide-posts on the footpath to peace.--Van Dyke.

## McPherson, Haberdasher and Furrier.

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#### The Congressional Record.

"Many private pension bills were passed" continues to be the record of the day's accomplishment of congress.--Brooklyn Standard-Union.

One day, five year old Bobby severely chastised by his mother, who had previously told him of his prohibitive whereabouts. "M-mamma," he sobbed, "w-wish I had a-stayed in h-heaven."

## Tea, Coffee and Cocoa

always make very acceptable

### XMAS GIFTS.

You can make TWICE as many people happy with the same amount of money by buying them here, still getting the

BEST COFFEE 20c lb.  
BEST TEAS 25c lb.  
BEST COCOA 16c can.

## United Tea Importers Co.,

Franklin Square, up one flight, dec21TuThS over Somers Bros.

## MURPHY & McGARRY,

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## Gift-Giving Made Easy!

The selection of a suitable Christmas gift for a man or boy, is an easy proposition, at this store.

We've the best things to wear for men and boys, the country produces.

The things a man or boy appreciates most--the things he would buy for himself--are here in great variety and the picking is now at its best.

Just a few hints--

Suits Overcoats Raincoats Fancy Vests Trousers Hats Caps Neckwear Sweaters Gloves

Suspenders Pajamas Hosiery Shirts Underwear Umbrellas Armbands Mittens Bath Robes Smoking Jackets

Any exchanges you desire after Christmas.

## Murphy & McGarry

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## Chocolates

at Rallion's

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## CHRISTMAS at CRANSTON'S COZY STORE

suitable for the CHILDREN.

One of the Best and Most Popular is the

### SIMPLEX TYPEWRITER

Three sizes--\$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00.

### "Modeline" or Modeling

made easy, instructive and amusing for the children--25c and 50c.

Faber's Pencil Assortments--boxes covered with fancy paper--25c and 50c each.

### BOYS' BOOKS 25c a copy

By such well known authors as Optic, Reed, Cooper, Castlemann, Trowbridge, Alger, Henty and others.

### Gift Books 5c

All in pretty Holiday bindings and handsomely illustrated.

### Gift Books 10c

Rich bindings, handsomely illustrated and a variety of subjects, suitable for children.

### Christmas Cards, Calendars and Booklets

A big variety of kinds, all at fair prices.

The BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT is something all can enjoy. All can and do enjoy a

Kodak or a Brownie Camera \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up.

Games and Toy Books in great variety.

Store Open Evenings Till Xmas

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Right on Main St., No. 158

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#### If It's Made of Rubber We Have It

## Rubber Store Gifts

Come one, come all, and let the RUBBER STORE offer you a few suggestions in practical gifts. Send the children in to see the Toys, we'll be only too glad to show them.

### For Men

DRESS SUIT CASES 98c to \$6.00  
TRAVELING BAGS \$1.00 to \$10.00  
RUBBER COATS \$2.50 to \$6.00  
RUBBER BOOTS \$2.50 to \$6.00  
WARM ARCTICS \$1.00 to \$2.75  
RUBBER SHOES 60c to \$1.25  
WORKING GLOVES 25c to \$1.50  
DRESS GLOVES 50c to \$2.50  
UMBRELLAS 48c to \$1.50

### For Boys

RUBBER COATS \$2.25 to \$3.00  
HIGH TOP BOOTS \$2.50 to \$3.50  
SHORT RUBBER BOOTS \$2.00 to \$2.75  
HIGH ARCTICS \$1.75 to \$2.75  
RUBBER SHOES 60c to 90c  
GLOVES AND MITTENS 25c to \$1.00  
FOOTBALLS 75c to \$1.00  
BOXING GLOVES \$1.50 to \$4.50  
PUNCHING BAGS \$1.50 to \$4.00

### Special

A Boys' and Men's Feather-weight Rubber Coat can be carried in your vest pocket. Don't fail to get one while they last, \$5.00.

### For Women

HIGH TOP ARCTICS \$1.30 to \$2.35  
TWELVE BUTTON LEGGINGS only 48c  
HOT WATER BOTTLES 50c to \$2.00  
INVALID CUSHIONS \$1.25 to \$3.00  
RUBBER APRONS only 35c  
RUBBER GLOVES 50c to \$1.50  
RUBBER SPONGES 50c to 85c  
BATH SPRAYS 50c to \$2.00  
CLOTHES WRINGERS 98c to \$3.00

### For Children

GIRLS' SLIDING BOOTS \$1.58  
SHORT BOOTS \$1.50 to \$1.75  
HIGH TOP ARCTICS \$1.35 to \$1.75  
RUBBER TOYS 10c to \$1.00  
RATTLES 10c  
RUBBER BALLS 5c to 50c  
LEGGINGS only 48c.

This is only a partial list of the many things we have to offer.

### PYROGRAPHY

We shall continue our special sale of 98c sets as long as our present supply lasts. Don't fail to get one for a Christmas present, for young or old. Hundreds of beautiful presents can be made with one of these sets. Call and see our large line and let us show you all about them.

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New London, Conn.  
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